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Madrid, August 1.

THE Queen of Spain was taken ill last Week of a Feverish Distemper, but is now said to be in a fair way of Recovery. Upon our Court's receiving the News of the Spanish Forces having made a Descent in Sicily, and possest themselves of Palermo, the Count de Lascaris, the King of Sicily's Minister, was sent for to the Escurial, where he had a Conference with the King of Spain's Ministers, who informed him of the Reasons which induced his Majesty to this Proceeding, that he might acquaint his Master therewith; then he was directed to return hither, and not to leave this Place till further Notice; and Orders were given to the Guards of our Gates to observe narrowly all Persons going out of Town, and not to suffer the Sicilian Minister to pass out of the City. The 27th past at Night, Collonel Stanhope, Envoy Extraordinary from the King of Great Britain, and the Marquis de Nancré, the most Christian King's Minister, received an Express from Paris, upon which they went together to the Escurial, and returned hither the 30th. By this Express we had Advice, that a Convention between their Britannick and most Christian Majesties for settling the Terms of Treaties between the Emperour and the Kings of Spain and Sicily, in order to restore the Tranquillity of Europe, had been signed at Paris by the Earl Stanhope and the Earl of Stairs on the Part of Great Britain, and the Marshal d'Huxelles and the Count de Chiverny on the Part of France; and that the Earl Stanhope intended to set out from thence the 22d for the Court of Spain. The Royal Council of Castille met the 30th, to consider of several Points referred to them by the King's Order, concerning the Measures to be taken in the present Conjuncture, with regard to the Court of Rome. Upon the strong Representations that have been made in behalf of the Merchants concerned in the Cargo of Bullion and Pieces of Eight imported by the Advice Ship which lately arrived at Cadiz from the West Indies, of the Injustice of confiscating the same to the King's Use, this Court has been prevailed with to revoke that Order, and they are only to pay an Indulto or Tax of 10 per Cent. to his Majesty. The Earl of Essex left this Place the 26th, intending to return to England by the way of France. They write from Barcelona, that the Officer who had been dispatched to our Court by Admiral Byng, arrived there from hence the 23d, and would embark the next Day, in order to return on Board the British Fleet: And that two Men of War, one of 74 and the other of 64 Guns, which have been bought at Genoa for the King of Spain's Service, were come from thence into that Port.

Berne, Aug. 3. The Abbot de St. Gall having notified to this Canton, that he had signed the Treaty of Peace and Amity lately concluded at Baden by his Deputies with those of this Canton and of Zurich, and that his Ratifications of it in Form should forthwith be sent hither to be exchanged with those of the said Cantons: Our Sovereign Council were extraordinarily assembled last Week, to consult upon the Method of putting the Abbot in Possession of the Territories that were taken from his Predecessor during the late Disturbances, and which are to be restored to him by this Treaty. This Matter was referred to a Committee, who made their Report to the Council the 1st Instant, pursuant to which it has been resolved, that upon the Exchange of the Ratifications, all the Lands and Revenues that belonged to his Abby, and which are in the Hands of these Cantons, shall immediately be delivered up to him, and the Inhabitants shall be directed to take the usual Oaths of Fidelity to him and his Successors, he promising to maintain them in the Enjoyment of their Rights and Privileges pursuant to the Treaty abovementioned. The Council has further determined to yield to him the entire Profit of this Year's Harvest, and some part of that of last Year, and has written to the Canton of Zurich to communicate this Resolution to them, and desire their Concurrence. The Dyet of Frauenfeldt is broke up, and the Deputies of the Cantons of Zurich, Bern and Glaris, are returned to Baden to settle some Accounts depending among themselves.

Copenhagen, Aug. 6. The King of Denmark came the 2d Instant from Coldingen to Fredericksbourg, and Yesterday his Majesty returned to this Place. The British and Danish Fleet continues at Bornholm to observe the Swedes, who have not yet made any Motion ei-